

## Consultations with upper Cement Creek stakeholders

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Here are the consultation bullets and our recent activities to share with Jim Martin.

- Approximately 2008 - Targeted Listing presentation to the Animas River Stakeholders Group (ARSG) regarding possible way to address the sources/releases that were still unaddressed.
- September 2010 - EPA told ARSG that we planned to do Site Reassessment sampling to see if the site is National Priority List (NPL) caliber.
- May 19, 2011 - EPA, BLM, CDPHE Superfund, DRMS staff participated Animas River Stakeholders Group (ARSG) lead community meeting to update ARSG members and larger local community on what ARSG has been doing and on water quality degradation situation in the Gladstone (upper Cement Creek) area. EPA there to listen and answer questions, so no in-depth conversation about the National Priority List (NPL) occurred.
- June 8, 2011 - met with CDPHE Superfund and Water Quality Programs regarding NPL-caliber site; EPA's plan to have Hazard Ranking System package prepared
  - outcome - CDPHE Superfund staff indicated their support and stated that when the time came for a Governor's letter to request listing, please contact them.
- June and July 2011 - EPA did not attend ARSG meetings
- August 18, 2011 - EPA presented findings from Fall 2010 Site Reassessment, including non-EPA and EPA options to address water quality degradation, including Pros/Cons of NPL. Participants included ARSG members, community members and local government representatives, BLM, DRMS, CDPHE Superfund, stakeholders from Durango and La Plata county
- September 12-16, 2011 - EPA NPL Coordinator, Community Involvement Coordinator, and CDPHE Superfund staff attended meetings with Silverton Town Board and residents, County Commissioners and mining representatives from Gold King Corp. and Colorado Goldfields, and the ARSG. EPA invited staff from the CDPHE WQCD to help answer questions about the Sunnyside Gold. Corp. Consent Decree with CDPHE WQCD. Those staff did not participate.
  - EPA updated locals on situation, confirmed that site is NPL-caliber. Heard that community needed more education/information, Town/County wanted to visit nearby towns with Superfund sites and invite representatives to a forum in Silverton, ARSG wanted to continue Collaborative process and Kinross (one PRP) was at table to be party to that process.
- September 22, 2011 - Briefed EPR management, Enforcement staff, and OCPI. EPR mgmt. determined that 104(e) letters should go out on parallel path as other activities.
- Week of Sept. 26, 2011 - EPA NPL Coordinator updated CDPHE Superfund and BLM staff of potential for 104(e) letters to be sent; EPA understood that the BLM State Office Abandoned Mine Lands office had updated the Durango USFS staff about EPA's activities. EPA staff updated the site Communication Strategy for consistent messaging to outside agencies and plans to brief State, Local, and ARSG members prior to the 104(e) letters being sent.
- October 5, 2011 130 pm - Meeting with CDPHE Superfund program scheduled; NPL Coordinator asked to see if WQCD can also attend
- October 6, 2011 2pm. Richard Sisk scheduled meeting with Kinross; they want to present their plans for the collaborative process.

Sincerely,

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